**Special container train connecting to ports**

1506. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CONCOR is running a special container train anywhere in India connecting to ports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) CONCOR is providing container train services to all major ports from its hinterland Inland Container Depots. These Inland Container Depots are connected with ports like Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai Port, Mundra, Pipavav, Kolkata, Kandla, Chennai, Tuticorin, Cochin etc.

**Expansions programme of railways**

1507. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are planning for expansion;

(b) if so, the details of proposals pertaining to the expansion programme;

(c) whether any new proposal has been included for the railway development in the State of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a; Yes, Sir.

(b) The expansion programme covers new lines, gauge conversion and doubling proposals.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Doubling Works:

| SL No. | Name of Project | Year of sanction | Anticipated Cost (Rs in crore) | Progress of work |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Kankanadi-Panambur section Batch (19 Kms) | Supplementary Demands for grants 2006-07 | 70.00 | New work included in the supplementary Demand for 2006-07. Plan and Estimate is under preparation. Tender called for final location survey. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | Kurruppanthara-Chingavanam (26.4 Kms.) | 2007-08 | 99.20 | New work included in the Budget 2007-08. Plan and Estimates are under preparation. |
| 3. | Ambalapuzha-Haripad (18.13 Kms.) | 2007-08 | 48.38 | New work included in the Budget 2007-08. Plan and Estimates are under preparation. |

Passenger Amenities:

In the current year 2007-08, six stations in Kerala State have been identified for modernization. The works for modernization in all these stations are targeted for completion in phases by 31/03/2009. The list of stations identified for modernization is as follows:

| SL No | Identified in year | Stations |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2007-08 | Shoranur Jn., Cannanore, Thalasseri, Ernakulam Town, Kottayam and Chengannur |

An amount of Rs. 12 crores is proposed to be spent in station located in Kerala Station towards the various passenger amenity works including modernization works.

**Rail projects on expenditure sharing basis in Karnataka**

1508. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the on-going rail projects for the widening of rail tracks, electrification of rail routes, etc., in the State of Karnataka, on expenditure sharing basis between the State Government and the Railways;

(b) whether the State Government has requested to revise the sharing basis from 2/3rd by the States and 1/3rd by Railways to 50-50 basis;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Railways to the said proposal; and

(d) the allocation of the funds by the Railways during 2007-08 for each project and the likely time for the completion of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU): (a) and (d) Details are as under:—